LSTA Grants Awarded
August 2016

Technology Mini Grant - $114,353

Barry-Lawrence Regional Library- $9,432
The library will replace 18 aging desktop computer systems, as well as 18 LCD monitors. Replacement of the computer systems will increase staff productivity and services provided to patrons.

Brookfield Public Library- $5,400
The library will replace 5 out-of-date patron desktop computers. The library will also replace the current open source software used for spreadsheets and word processing with a standard office production software package. Replacement of computers will increase functionality and patron satisfaction. Replacing open source software with an office production software package will resolve compatibility problems patrons currently face.

Camden County Library District- $10,078
The library will replace 21 staff computers in 6 different branches. These computers are unreliable and are losing functionality. Replacement of the computers will increase staff efficiency and allow them to better assist patrons.

Carter County Library- $8,103
The library will purchase 5 laptops for a mobile lab which will be used to teach and improve patrons' technology skills. The library will also replace a printer and add a tablet. Purchase of this equipment will be used to help patrons increase their computer literacy and job searching skills.

Caruthersville Public Library- $2,864
The library will purchase a multifunction copier to replace its current copier, which is 14 years old, frequently needs to be repaired, and does not produce quality copies for patrons. The new copier will reduce patron and staff frustration and provide patrons with the high quality copies they need.

Cedar County Library- $3,231
The library will replace the Stockton branch's outdated server which hosts time and print management software and security software for both the Stockton and El Dorado Springs branches. Replacement will allow patrons to have full use of computers at both branches.

Hamilton Public Library- $3,858
The library will update 3 public access computers that are outdated and worn. The library will also replace 1 desktop computer that is over 5 years old. These computers are frustrating for patrons to use and replacing them will provide patrons with computer access that is fast and meets their needs.

Henry County Library- $3,978
The library will upgrade its audiovisual training equipment by purchasing a wall-mounted flat screen monitor, associated cables, a wall operation panel, a computer, an accessible workstation, and installation services. This technology will replace the library's current audiovisual equipment, which is insufficient for use in the large community room. The new equipment will be used for patron and staff training.

Hickory County Library- $2,995
The library will purchase 5 tablet computers for use in technology training sessions. These tablets will allow patrons to become familiar with Apple software and tablet computing. The tablets will also enable the library to provide training to patrons in how to use its e-book subscription services when using tablets.

Joplin Public Library- $3,019
The library will purchase single-board computers to provide computer coding instructional programs aimed at middle and high school students. This programming will provide students with access to technology otherwise unavailable to them.

Kansas City Public Library- $15,556
The library will replace outdated equipment and establish a mobile technology learning lab. Currently the library only has one computer lab for classroom instruction; the lab isn't mobile and is shared by all 10 branches. The mobile classroom will allow the branches to share the computer lab and will also allow the lab to be divided so that two smaller classes can be run simultaneously. The mobile lab will also allow the library to bring library services to patrons and create a flexible learning experience.

Livingston County Library- $5,451
The library will purchase literacy tablets, multisensory learning screens to be used with the literacy tablets, and two wheelchair-accessible tables to improve services to patrons with special needs. The library will also hire an expert in accessibility in libraries to perform a needs assessment of the library and conduct staff training.

Marshall Public Library- $5,100
The library will purchase 2 bilingual Spanish early literacy stations for children ages 2 to 8. The early literacy stations will help increase children's literacy skills and school readiness; as well as assist in meeting the needs of the Hispanic population in the community.

Mountain View Public Library- $2,514
The library will purchase a print management system, a television monitor, projector, projector screen, and laptop with office production software. The print management system will reduce unwanted printing, saving money for both patrons and the library. The television monitor, projector, projector screen, and laptop will be used by community groups and the library for presentations, training sessions, and webinars.

Putnam County Library- $7,504
The library will replace 6 outdated desktop computers, a barcode scanner, 2 obsolete servers, a malfunctioning printer, and purchase office production and photo editing software packages. These updates will provide patrons with faster computer and internet access and more dependable library operations. The software updates will be used in training classes at the library.

Rolling Hills Consolidated Library- $7,270
The library will install a sound system and upgrade its digital projection system in its Storyhouse meeting room. The library will also update its digital projection system in the Upper Story meeting room. The new sound system and upgraded digital projection systems will make the meeting rooms more user-friendly for library staff and outside organizations.

Saint Charles City-County Library - $18,000
The library will purchase 22 laptops and a charging station to create 2 additional mobile labs. These additional labs, combined with the 4 existing labs, will allow the library to keep a lab in each of its 4 general purpose branches and provide 2 "floating labs." The additional mobile labs will also eliminate the need for branches to borrow laptops from each other. The mobile labs have proven successful at increasing patrons' opportunities for training. In addition, the library will also purchase 3 additional laptops to be used as backups for when equipment fails.

Saint Joseph Public Library-$6,898
The library will purchase a large screen television for the conference room at the East Hills Library. This television will assist nonprofits, library, and community groups with their training and presentations and allow more groups to utilize the library as a meeting space. The library will also purchase a 3D printer for the Downtown Library to provide access to technology that would otherwise be unaffordable for patrons. Additionally, the library will purchase 3 tablets and accompanying equipment which will be used in programming for children and teens on educational film making, stop motion animation, and other STEM related activities.

Scenic Regional Library- $7,373
The library will install time and print software that will allow the library to provide wireless printing and computer management services in all 8 braches. This software will allow patrons to print from mobile devices through a downloadable app, email, or dedicated web portal, offering more flexibility and convenience.